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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Public Invited to Learn About the Courts, Meet Judges**

The Hawai'i State Judiciary is hosting a Law Day program on Thursday, May 1, 2003, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Family Court Courtroom at 77-6399 Nalani Street, Kailua-Kona. The free event is open to the public.

Two videos, "Broken Scales: Justice Under Influence" and "Cracking the Habit: Drug Courts in Action," will be shown. The "Broken Scales" video depicts a man's journey through a nightmare world where one of the cornerstones of democracy -- judicial independence -- has crumbled. Eventually, he arrives at a new understanding of and greater appreciation for a judiciary that is free of outside influences. In "Cracking the Habit," police, prosecutors, public defenders, and drug offenders share their opinions and experiences about drug court programs in their respective states.

Following the video presentation, Circuit Court Judge Ronald Ibarra and Family Court Judge Aley Auna will be available to answer questions about the judicial system, judicial independence, and drug courts in Hawai'i.

Law Day is a national event held each year on May 1 to increase public awareness about the American heritage of liberty under the law.

For more information about the event, please contact Rodney Maeda at 327-5807.

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